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SUBJECT: TOUR D'HORIZON WITH VAN OORSCHOT

1. SUMMARY: IN WIDE-RANGING CONVERSATION SOME DAYS AGO WITH ECON/  
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, MIN ECON DIRGEN VAN OORSCHOT EXPRESSED CON-  
CERN ABOUT UK RENEGOTIATION PROPOSALS, URGED ESTABLISHMENT OF  
"GROUP OF WISEMEN" TO ASSIST SYG LONG IN MTN, AND URGED HIGH LEVEL  
US/FRENCH UNDERSTANDING ON MTN. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN PERIODICAL TOUR D'HORIZON, VAN OORSCHOT STARTED OFF BY

EXPRESSING DEEP PESSIMISM ABOUT FUTURE OF EC WHICH IN HIS VIEW HAS SHOWN ITSELF INCAPABLE OF PRODUCTIVELY ADDRESSING SUCH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AS COMMON INDUSTRIAL AND ENERGY POLICIES, EMU, RELATIONS WITH ACP COUNTRIES, RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, AND MTN. HE CONSIDERS CALLAGHAN'S PRESENTATION IN LUXEMBOURG, DESPITE ITS MORE CONCILIATORY TONE, TO BE NO LESS HARD LINE THAN HIS INITIAL DEMARCHE APRIL 1. MAIN THRUST IS STILL TO GET MORE MONEY OUT OF OTHER 8 AND IN PRACTICE THIS MEANS CHIEFLY OUT OF GERMANS AND DUTCH. VAN OORSCHOT FELT FRUSTRATED THAT GON COULD MAKE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO RESTORATION OF IMPETUS IN EC EVOLUTION. MAIN NEED AS HE SEES IT IS FOR REAL PROGRESS ON INSTITUTIONAL REFORM BUT HE SEES NO EVIDENCE THAT OTHER 8 ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT DUTCH IN MOVING TOWARD SUCH REFORM.

3. ON MTN, VAN OORSCHOT SEES NEED FOR MEETING OF MINDS ON TIMING AND OBJECTIVES BETWEEN US AND FRANCE AT HEAD OF STATE LEVEL TO GET NEGOTIATION INTO HIGH GEAR. OTHERWISE HE FEARS GENERAL PARALYSIS IN EC WILL INFECT MTN. IN HIS VIEW PASSAGE OF TRA WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL TRIGGER FOR NIXON-GISCARD DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT. HE BELIEVES MTN WILL BE AMONG TOPICS DISCUSSED BY GISCARD AND SCHMIDT JULY 8. VAN OORSCHOT ALSO FEELS THAT LONG IS TOO LETHARGIC AND "INTELLECTUAL" TO INSTILL NEEDED SENSE OF URGENCY AND DIRECTION IN MTN. VAN OORSCHOT SUGGESTS THAT "GROUP OF WISEMEN" WHO WERE INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ROUND BE DESIGNATED TO ADVISE LONG AND KEEP HIS FEET TO THE FIRE. AS VAN OORSCHOT RETIRES FROM GON THIS YEAR HE DOUBTLESS REGARDS HIMSELF AS POTENTIAL PARTICIPANT IN SUCH A GROUP.  
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